

Baraboo Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 23, 2021

Members present: C. Gabrielson, C. Harding, B. Hartup, B. Koenig, S. Mordini, T. Pinion

Members absent: B. Konen, A. Workman

Others present: Mayor Nelson, Ken

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Mordini called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Nelson confirmed compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Motion by Hartup, second by Harding to approve the minutes of September 9. Motion carried. All in favor. Motion by Pinion, second by Hartup to approve the minutes of September 16. Motion carried. All in favor. Motion by Pinion, second by Hartup to adopt the agenda. Motion carried. All in favor.

2. New Business

- a. Discussion of Great Sauk State Trail proposed map routes.

Hartup endorsed the Gall Road / Lake Street southern segment option due to low traffic volumes and more gradual slopes and asked if the Broadway bridge could accommodate the width necessary for the trail. Pinion indicated that this would be difficult. Gabrielson noted that the Hwy. 130 bridge at Lone Rock was available for free, if there was some way to get it to Baraboo.

Discussion turned towards the three main challenges:

- Safe crossing at Hwy. 33. Pinion explained that an on-grade crossing will be improved when Hwy. 33 is re-built as a three-lane road. The addition of a pedestrian island in the center lane would require only crossing one lane of traffic at a time. Limited sight distance near the Hwy. 33 curve and non-aligned cross-streets pose additional difficulties for a crossing near Willow Street. Going over or under Hwy. 33 definitely seem safest, but will likely be costly. Hartup opined that the option that follows the Riverwalk from the Manchester Bridge north offered an aesthetic advantage over going through a neighborhood.
- Safe crossing at South Blvd. Koenig's recommendation for traffic-calming changes to the roundabout were acknowledged, but unsure if this would sufficient improve an at-grade crossing. A bridge over South Blvd. north of the roundabout would require a spiral or long ramp to achieve sufficient height. Nelson suggested a bridge south of the roundabout could take advantage of the existing grade on the east, with room for a switchback along the south edge of the Vinnie's parking lot.
- Pinch point between railway and Baraboo River on/near SHS property. Pinion showed elevation maps that indicated that it would be challenging to fit trail along one narrow stretch. Nelson asked if a short boardwalk might be possible. Susceptibility to flood damage was raised as a concern of this approach.

The committee briefly examined the proposed route north of Hwy. 33, but as this is contingent on UW's participation, did not invest a lot of time on this topic.

Consensus towards a preferred route seemed to be emerging and discussion turned towards the best options for presenting a recommendation to Sauk Co. P&Z. Hartup recommended preparing a brief "white paper" with guiding principles, preferred option, and ideas for addressing challenge areas. Nelson suggested inviting Simmert and staff to future meeting to present recommendation in person. Nelson volunteered to confirm with Simmert the deadline for presenting recommendation. Group agreed to use September 30 meeting to prepare written recommendation.

- 3. Next Meeting Dates:** The next meeting dates were set for Thursday, September 30 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

- 4. Adjournment:** Motion by Gabrielson, second by Hartup to **adjourn** the meeting. Motion carried. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Workman, Chair

Rob Nelson, Recording Secretary